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6. $f(x) = kx^3 - 15x^2 - 32x - 12$ where k is a constant

Given $(x - 3)$ is a factor of $f(x)$,

(a) show that $k = 9$

(2)

(b) Using algebra and showing each step of your working, fully factorise $f(x)$.

(4)

(c) Solve, for $0 \leqslant \theta < 360°$, the equation

$$9\cos^3\theta - 15\cos^2\theta - 32\cos\theta - 12 = 0$$

giving your answers to one decimal place.

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7. Kim starts working for a company.

- In year 1 her annual salary will be £16 200
- In year 10 her annual salary is predicted to be £31 500

Model *A* assumes that her annual salary will increase by the same amount each year.

(a) According to model *A*, determine Kim's annual salary in year 2.

(3)

Model *B* assumes that her annual salary will increase by the same percentage each year.

(b) According to model *B*, determine Kim's annual salary in year 2. Give your answer to the nearest £10

(3)

(c) Calculate, according to the two models, the difference between the total amounts that Kim is predicted to earn from year 1 to year 10 inclusive. Give your answer to the nearest £10

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